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FOR STATE/AID

E.O. 11652: ADS (DECLAS 6/20/75)

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SUBJ: RICE SITUATION

1. FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 15, 1974, THE
RICE SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION IN PHNOM PENH WAS AS FOLLOWS (ALL
FIGURES IN METRIC TONS):

BEGINNING STOCK 12/1/74 22,290.00

ARRIVALS: A) MEKONG CONVOYS (US RICE) 8,234.00

 B) RTE 5/TONLE SAP (LCOAL RICE) 1,177.00

TOTAL AVAILABILITY 31,701.00

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LEVEL DISTRIBUTION 8,931.00

BALANCE	22,770.00
LESS INVENTORY ADJUSTMENTS	379.00
NET CLOSING STOCK 12/1574	22,391.00

2. STOCK POSITION. AT COB DECEMBER 15, GOVERNMENT STOCK IN PHNOM PENH TOTALLED 22,391.00 MT OF WHICH 9.246 MT WERE U.S. RICE AND 13,145 MT LOCAL RICE. BASED ON AN ESTIMATED AVERAGE DAILY CONSUMPTION OF 750 MT THE STOCK ON DECEMBER 15 REPRESENTS A 30-DAY SUPPLY. HOWEVER, OFFICIAL SALES OF LOCAL RICE AT DOUBLE THE PRICE OF U.S. RICE CONTINUE TO MEET CONSIDERABLE CONSUMER'S RESISTANCE.

3. DISTRIBUTION. THE ACTUAL DAILY DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH AVERAGED 506 MT BUT ONLY BECAUSE OF STRINGENT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE RICE COMMITTEE AT OUR REQUEST BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SCHEDULED U.S. RICE SHIPMENT OF THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ON DECEMBER 11. THE FANK QUOTA OF 265 MT PER DAY WAS CANCELLED THE FIRST WEEK OF THE MONTH IN VIEW OF THE COMFORTABLE LEVEL OF ITS SECURITY STOCK. THE CIVILIAN DAILY QUOTA WAS DECREASED BY 13 TONS, PROVINCES WERE ONLY ALLOWED TO DRAW A REDUCED 10-DAY QUOTA AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH AND SOME LOCAL RICE WAS RELEASED THROUGH GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS. AS A RESULT A CRISIS WAS AVERTED. NORMAL DISTRIBUTION WAS RESUMED AFTER DECEMBER 10 AND THE DAILY AVERAGE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH IS PROJECTED AT 750 MT.

4. ARRIVALS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

	DATE	M/T
A. MEKONG CONVOYS (GVN RICE)	DEC 7	3,764
MEKONG CONVOYS (US RICE)	DEC 11	4,470
TOTAL U.S. RICE		8,234

B. RT 5/TONLE SAP (LOCAL RICE)	DEC 4	1,177
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5. SCHEDULE OF ARRIVALS. FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS MONTH,
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ACTUAL AND/OR PROJECTED ARRIVALS ARE AS FOLLOWS IN METRIC TONS:

	GVN	U.S	LOCAL	TOTAL
DEC 16	1,236	7,064	-0-	8,300
DEC 18	-0-	-0-	1,800	1,800

DEC 24 -0- 9,000 -0- 9,000

TOTAL 19,100
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